

Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 1-28 are pending in the above-identified application. Claims 1, 3-11, 12/3, 12/5-10 and 13-28 were withdrawn.

New claims 29 and 30 have been added. Basis for these new claims may be found in the Original Application at pages 44-45 and Figure 1. No new matter has been added. Thus claims 2, 12/2, 29 and 30 are pending.

Claims 2 and 12/2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being obvious in view of Fukushima et al. This ground for rejection is respectfully traversed.

In particular, Fukushima et al. do not disclose or suggest the following feature of claim 2:

AV decoding means for AV-decoding the AV data of the channel displayed on said main screen in AV synchronization with said STC counter means and for **AV-decoding the AV data of the channel displayed on said subsidiary screen out of AV synchronization**. (Emphasis added).

Fukushima et al. teaches a video image decoding method and apparatus which decodes a stream video image signal simultaneously and synchronizes so as to be displayed on a screen in order to prevent disturbance of the displayed video image caused by changing the master video image signal. In Figure 4 of Fukushima et al., a master selector, made up of PCR selector 120 and STC selector 121, selects one of the four channels' PCR and STC to be the masters. Figure 4 also includes a synchronizing signal generator 126 which generates the display synchronizing signal and the decode starting signals common to each channel based on the system clock. Thus, Fukushima et al. decodes the AV data on all 4 channels in AV synchronization. But Fukushima et al. do not **AV-decode the AV data of the channel displayed on the subsidiary screen out of AV synchronization**.

The Examiner takes "Official Notice" that it is well known in the art to play audio data from the main screen and not play audio data from a subsidiary screen. It may be possible that the video image decoding apparatus in Fukushima et al. can be modified to play audio data from a main screen and not a subsidiary screen. But

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such modification does not include the above noted feature of Applicant's claim 2. If Fukushima et al. was modified in the manner suggested by the Examiner, it would still not disclose the feature of claim 2 which is stated above.

Because Fukushima et al. do not disclose the above noted features of claim 2, claim 2 is not subject to rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of Fukushima et al.

Claim 12/2 depends from claim 2. Accordingly, claim 12/2 is not subject to rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of Fukushima et al. for at least the same reasons as claim 2.

The prior art made of record but not applied has been considered but does not affect the patentability of the invention.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection of claims 2 and 12/2.

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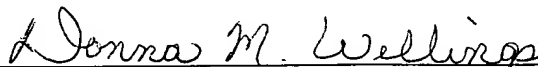
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